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U.S. REGULAR PASSPORTS

Proposed Extension of initial validity and of revalidation

The proposed extension of the initial validity of the U.S. regular passport from 3 to 5 years, and of revalidation, from 2 to 5 years may adversely affect the national security of the U.S. These changes could make it easier and safer for the opposition to prepare and "revalidate" the false or fraudulently obtained U.S. passports for the following reasons:

- 1. Reproduction could be based on a larger number of exemplars, more of which become available as the document remains in use for a longer period of time.
- 2. Once reproduced, the false passport could be issued and used for a longer period of time.
- 3. There will be no need to collect and use as models the relatively scarcer current exemplars of issue and revalidation.
- 4. The user could remain in the target country for a prolonged period of time without the need to surrender the passport to his intelligence service for "revalidation."
- 5. Any inaccuracies or inconsistencies contained in an "old" document become less conspicuous and harder to detect due to accumulation of procedural and admininstrative changes which are generally reflected in genuine documents.

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